

INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY

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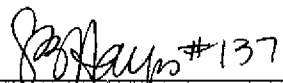
TO: Chief Administrator
Independent Police Review Authority

FROM: Inv. Shannon Hayes, #137

SUBJECT: Video Recording from [REDACTED]

On 02 March 2012, the R/I viewed a video recording that IPRA Inv. Anita Kuykendoll obtained from the [REDACTED]. The recording was from 29 January 2012. The original CD that Inv. Kuykendoll obtained cannot be located. IPRA IT personnel Santanu De made a copy of that CD, which he gave to the R/I. There are 29 video clips on the CD, from four cameras offering different views of the [REDACTED] parking lot. The clips vary in length from several seconds to several minutes for a total running time of 33 minutes and 53 seconds. The action on the recording appears to move at a faster than normal speed. There is no time stamp on the recording. Without a time stamp, there is no way to tell the speed of the action and whether or not the recordings from the different cameras cover the same period of time. The alleged incident occurred at 1610 hours. The reporting party, [REDACTED] alleged that Officer John Venkus pushed her against her vehicle, issued her a false citation, refused to provide his name and badge number upon request, and threatened to deploy his Taser if she struck his bicycle.

At different points in the video clips, a police officer (presumably Officer Venkus) rides through the parking lot on a bicycle. Officer Venkus occasionally stops his bicycle and appears to issue citations to the parked vehicles. During the clip labeled "Picture 009.avi" Officer Venkus stops at a white SUV or hatchback. The vehicle is parked at the far side of the lot from the camera's location and there are several other vehicles parked between the white vehicle and the camera. At the start of the clip labeled "Picture 010.avi," a subject approaches Officer Venkus. The two of them talk for short time. Officer Venkus appears to try to walk away at several points but the subject advances on him. Due to the other cars parked in the lot, it is not clear whether there is any physical contact between them during the incident. Officer Venkus walks to his bicycle and the subject gets in the white vehicle and reverses. From the camera angle, it looks like the white vehicle almost strikes Officer Venkus' bicycle as it reverses. Officer Venkus gets on his bicycle and rides away, followed by the white vehicle. The entire exchange lasts approximately 40 seconds on the recording, but it may have lasted for a longer amount of actual time.

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